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Scheduled official meetings

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters *today*, 5 December 2002, official holiday.]

Friday, 6 December 2002

Security Council

10.30 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

Iraq (UNMOVIC)

Afghanistan[1]

Other matters

[1] With a view to a formal meeting.

Security Council	A public meeting of the Security Council will be held on Tuesday, 10 December 2002, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Protection of civilians in armed conflict". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; tel. 1 (212) 963-5598).

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General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

10 a.m. . . . . 68th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: fourth report of the General Committee (A/57/250/Add.3) [8]
2. Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan; the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security . . . . . [21 (d) and 37]
   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/410, A/57/487)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/57/L.56)

Main Committees

Second Committee

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 6

Informal consulations under the chairmanship of Mr. Abdellah Benmellouk (Morocco),Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.3 (item 84 (c))

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Marco Antonio Suazo (Honduras), Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.44 (item 93)

Informal consulations under the chairmanship of Mr. Bruno van der Pluijm (Belgium), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.31 (item 96)

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m. . . . . 30th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (A/57/619 and A/57/633) [134]

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 . . . . . [112]

   Estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized (A/C.5/57/23 and A/57/7/Add.17)

   Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.16/Rev.1: Future operations of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/C.5/57/24 and A/57/7/Add.18)

   Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.7: Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (A/C.5/57/26 and A/57/7/Add.19)

   First performance report (A/57/616 and A/57/7/Add.16)

   United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/57/479 and A/57/7/Add.15)

   Conclusion of general discussion

3. Organization of work

Morning[1]–12.30 p.m. . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 112 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: Strengthening the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the Secretariat (A/57/152, A/57/152/Corr.1 and A/57/152/Add.1 and A/57/152/Add.1/Corr.1 and A/57/152/Add.2 and A/57/7/Add.13))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 112 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: Revised estimates arising out of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council (A/C.5/57/13 and A/C.5/57/13/Corr.1 and A/57/7/Add.12); Estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized (A/C.5/57/23 and A/57/7/Add.17); Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.16/Rev.1: Future operations of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/C.5/57/24 and A/57/7/Add.18); Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.7: Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (A/C.5/57/26 and A/57/7/Add.19); First performance report (A/57/616 and A/57/7/Add.16); and United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/57/479 and A/57/7/Add.15))

[1] Following the adjournment of the 30th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Draft reports

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations of all interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, for relief to development (under agenda item 21) (organized by the delegation of India, on behalf of the Group of 77)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Second Committee

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposals A/C.2/57/L.36 (item 93) (High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development) and A/C.2/57/L.15 (item 86 (d)) (High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Afternoon[1]–6 p.m. . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 6

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.41 (item 87) (Activities undertaken in preparations for the International Year of Freshwater, 2003)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

[1] Following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Second Committee.

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.35 (item 90 (b)) (United Nations Institute for Training and Research)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . **Closed meeting** . . . . . Conference Room D

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.40 (item 87) (Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its seventh special session)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . **Closed meeting** . . . . . Conference Room E

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.27 (item 88) (Human Development Report)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . **Closed meeting** . . . . . Conference Room A

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.33 (item 92) (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields)

12 noon–1 p.m. . . . . **Closed meeting** . . . . . Conference Room 2

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.20 (item 87 (f)) (Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . **Closed meeting** . . . . . Conference Room A

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.47 (item 87 (c)) (World Climate Change Conference)

2.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . **Closed meeting** . . . . . Conference Room D

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.10 (item 84 (c)) (Creation of a global Culture of Cybersecurity)

3–6 p.m. . . . . **Closed meeting** . . . . . Conference Room A

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.12 (item 86 (a)) (Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of Developing Countries and Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade)

3–6 p.m. . . . . **Closed meeting** . . . . . Conference Room B

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.43 (item 87 (c)) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . **Closed meeting** . . . . . Conference Room D

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.6 (item 84 (d)) (Enhancing international cooperation towards a durable solution to the external debt problem of developing countries)

3–6 p.m. . . . . **Closed meeting** . . . . . Conference Room 1

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.25 (item 88) (Pledging mechanisms and resource mobilization for operational activities for development of the United Nations System)

3–6 p.m. . . . . **Closed meeting** . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.28 (item 92) (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.22 (item 87 (b)) (Natural disasters and vulnerability)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Room C-209B

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.38 (item 87 (a)) (World Summit on Sustainable Development)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Other meetings

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Friday, 6 December 2002

Group of 77 *(Second Committee : draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.15, A/C.2/57/L.36, A/C.2/57/L.44, A/C.2/57/L.38, A/C.2/57/L.28 and A/C.2/57/L.4; and agenda item 21 (Plenary))*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters (on agenda item 112))*

1–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Friday, 6 December 2002

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 9 December 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

10 a.m. . . . . 69th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Oceans and the law of the sea [25]: commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Informal Panel 1

3–6 p.m. . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Overall theme:

The Dynamism of the Convention: challenges for the present and solutions for the future

Sub-themes:

I. The International Seabed Authority: an institution to manage the common heritage of mankind

II Limits in the seas: the need to establish secure maritime boundaries

III. Settlement of disputes: a linchpin of the Convention

Chairman: Ambassador Cristián Maquieira (Chile)

Panellists:

Mr. Satya N. Nandan, Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority

Mr. Rolf Fife (Norway)

Judge Hugo Caminos (Argentina), International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

Informal Panel 2

3–6 p.m. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Overall theme:

The Dynamism of the Convention: challenges for the present and solutions for the future

Sub-themes:

I. Implementation of the Convention: the challenge to ensure the effectiveness of its rules (role of non-States actors/regional approach)

II. The emerging concepts for the development and strengthening of the legal regime for the oceans (ecosystem-based approach, marine protected areas and oceans stewardship)

III. The tools for change: the amendment procedure

Chairman: Ambassador Hasjim Djalal (Indonesia)

Panellists:

Judge José Luis Jesus (Cape Verde), International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

Mr. Michael Bliss (Australia)

Professor Bernard Oxman (United States of America)

Main Committees

Second Committee

10 a.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 2

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning[1]	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

[1] Following the adjournment of the 31st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

General Assembly

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Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 21) (organized by the delegation of Denmark, on behalf of the European Union)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 21), organized by the delegation of Denmark, on behalf of the European Union, will be held on Monday, 9 December 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations with co-sponsors and other interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (under agenda item 21 (a)) (organized by the delegation of Sweden)

Informal consultations with co-sponsors and other interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (under agenda item 21 (a)), organized by the delegation of Sweden, will be held on Monday, 9 December 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room S-2963D.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on religious and cultural understanding, harmony and cooperation (A/57/L.12) (organized by the delegation of Pakistan)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on religious and cultural understanding, harmony and cooperation (A/57/L.12), organized by the delegation of Pakistan, will be held on Tuesday, 10 December 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

The Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism will give an oral briefing to interested Member States of the United Nations on Monday, 9 December 2002, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait

The 243rd (closed) meeting of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait will take place on Wednesday, 11 December 2002, at 3.30 p.m.[1] in Conference Room 7.

[1] The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested Members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the Press.

Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

The Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court will resume its first session at United Nations Headquarters from 3 to 7 February and from 21 to 23 April 2003.

Non-governmental organizations

Pursuant to rule 93 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly of States Parties, non-governmental organizations invited to the Rome Conference, registered to the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court, or having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, whose activities are relevant to the activities of the Court and other non-governmental organizations invited by the Assembly may, through their designated representatives, *inter alia*, attend meetings of the Assembly. Accordingly, non-governmental organizations eligible for accreditation may submit directly, or through the Coalition for an International Criminal Court, a written request with the names of their representatives to attend the resumed sessions of the Assembly. These requests should be addressed to Ms. Mona Khalil, Legal Officer, Office of the Legal Counsel (room S-3420B; or fax 1 (212) 963-6430), at the latest by Wednesday, 22 January 2003.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 of the Whole ***(on the report of the Secretary-General: strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for future change)***

There will a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Whole *(on the report of the Secretary-General: strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for future change)* on Monday, 9 December 2002, from 9 to 10.30 a.m. (the conference room will be announced).

World Health Organization Briefing

The World Health Organization, in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations, is co-sponsoring a briefing on the theme "Preparedness Against the Deliberate Use of Biological Agents to Cause Harm" on Monday, 9 December 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Speakers will include H.E. Mr. Pierre Schori, Permanent Representative of Sweden, and Dr. David Heymann, Executive Director, Communicable Diseases, WHO/Geneva. Interested delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Panel discussion on "New issues and challenges for the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea in the light of the adoption of the activities, targets and deadlines of the 2002 Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development"

A panel discussion on "New issues and challenges for the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea in the light of the adoption of the activities, targets and deadlines of the 2002 Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development", co-sponsored by the Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts and Islands; the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO; the International Coastal and Ocean Organization (ICO); the Center for the Study of Marine Policy (CSMP); Oceana; the Wildlife Conservation Society; and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, will be held on Tuesday, 10 December 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Announcements

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The General Assembly will take up the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) on Wednesday morning, 11 December 2002. For ease of reference, delegations may also wish to refer to the checklist of reports of the Committee contained in document A/C.4/57/INF/3.

Nominations for the judges and Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court

The nomination period for the judges of the International Criminal Court closed on Saturday, 30 November 2002. The period for nominations for the Prosecutor has been extended, by a decision of the President of the Assembly of States Parties, to Sunday, 8 December 2002.

Final list of Third Committee draft proposals

Copies of the final list of the Third Committee draft proposals are available in room S-2950. The list is also available on the Web site the General Assembly (Third Committee) at the following address: www.un.org/ga/57.

Preparations for the forty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women (3-14 March 2003), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following thematic issues that will be taken up by the Commission: (a) Participation and access of women to the media, and information and communication technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women; (b) Women's human rights and elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls as defined in the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century". Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1244), no later than *Tuesday, 10 December 2002*, indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the opening for signature of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (United Nations Headquarters) (9 December 2002)

Deposit of charts and/or lists of geographical coordinates with the Secretary-General

It will be possible for States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea that may wish to do so, to deposit charts and/or lists of geographical coordinates with the Secretary-General on Monday, 9 December 2002, at 9 a.m., in the West Foyer, adjacent to the General Assembly Hall at United Nations Headquarters. A note verbale or a letter by the Permanent Representative to the United Nations or other person considered as representing the State Party, addressed to the Secretary-General, should be submitted together with the charts or lists of geographical coordinates of points, indicating under which article of the Convention the deposit is being effected. It is recalled that charts or lists of geographical coordinates of points concerning straight or archipelagic baselines as well as the outer limits of their maritime zones are deposited under article 16, paragraph 2, article 47, paragraph 9, article 75, paragraph 2, and article 84, paragraph 2, of the Convention.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 4 December 2002, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 4 December 2002

Security Council

4653rd meeting

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Special report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2002/1005)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2002/1309, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2002/1309) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2002/1309) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1445 (2002).

4654th meeting

The situation in Sierra Leone

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2002/1318, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/2002/1318).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2002/1318) received 15 votes in favour, none against, and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1446 (2002).

4655th meeting

The situation in Burundi

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the Deputy President of South Africa, His Excellency Mr. Jacob Zuma.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Burundi, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedures.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council heard a briefing under rule 37 of its provisional rules of procedure by the Deputy President of South Africa, His Excellency Mr. Jacob Zuma.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, Norway, the United Kingdom, China, the Syrian Arab Republic, Ireland, Singapore, Guinea, Cameroon, Mauritius, the United States and Bulgaria, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Colombia.

His Excellency Mr. Jacob Zuma responded to comments and questions raised.

4656th meeting

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraphs 7 and 8 of Security Council resolution 1409 (2002) (S/2002/1239)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2002/1330, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/2002/1330).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2002/1330) received 15 votes in favour, none against, and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1447(2002).

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

General Committee

5th meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Philippines (A/57/234) . . . . . [8]

The representative of the Philippines, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning the request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "International Year of Rice, 2004" (A/57/234).

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item be included in the agenda of the fifty-seventh session and that it be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Plenary

67h plenary meeting

Urited Nations Year for Cultural Heritage: marking of the end of the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage . . . . . [23]

The President made a statement.

Statements were made by the representative of Egypt; H.E. Mr. Evàngelos Venizélos, Minister of Culture of Greece; and the representatives of China, New Zealand, Mali, Japan, Ukraine, Argentina and Italy.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 23.

Introduction of the reports of the Fifth Committee

Under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the Fifth Committee which were before the Assembly.

Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Fifth Committee (A/57/624) [12]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 4 of its report (A/57/624).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 12.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments . . . [17]

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/57/605)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/57/605), appointed the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2003: Mr. Homero Luis Hernández (Dominican Republic), Mr. Vladimir Kuznetsov (Russian Federation), Mr. Thomas Mazet (Germany), Ms. Susan McLurg (United States of America) and Mr. Mounir Zahran (Egypt).

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/57/606)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/57/606), appointed the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2003: Mr. Alvaro Gurgel de Alencar (Brazil), Mr. Sergei Mareyev (Russian Federation), Mr. Bernard Meijerman (Netherlands), Mr. Hae-yun Park (Republic of Korea), Mr. Ugo Sessi (Italy) and Mr. Wu Gang (China).

(c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/57/607)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/57/607), appointed the following persons as members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2003: Ms. Francine Bovich (United States of America), Mr. Takeshi Ohta (Japan) and Mr. Peter Stormonth-Darling (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

(d) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Fifth Committee (A/57/608)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/57/608), appointed the following persons as members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2003: Mr. Kevin Haugh (Ireland) and Ms. Jacqueline Scott (United States of America).

(e) International Civil Service Commission: (i) appointment of members of the Commission; (ii) designation of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/57/609)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 10 (a) of its report (A/57/609), appointed the following persons as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2003: Mr. Mohsen Bel Hadj Amor (Tunisia), Mr. Daasebre Oti Boateng (Ghana), Mr. José Ramón Sanchis Muñoz (Argentina), Ms. Anita Szlazak (Canada) and Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland).

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 10 (b) of its report (A/57/609), designated Mr. Mohsen Bel Hadj Amor as Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2003.

The General Assembly, as further recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 10 (c) of its report (A/57/609), designated Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner as Vice-Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2003.

(j) Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/57/610)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/57/610), appointed Mr. Andrei Vitalievitch Kovalenko (Russian Federation) as a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a term of office beginning on 1 January 2003 and ending on 31 December 2003.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 17.

Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 [47]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-eighth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 47.

Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security . . . . . [48]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-eighth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 48.

Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait . . . . . [49]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-eighth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 49.

Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations . . . . . [50]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-eighth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 50.

Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development . . . . . [51]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-eighth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 51.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that the Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary of the General Assembly on United Nations reform, which were scheduled for the afternoon of Friday, 6 December 2002, had been postponed to a later date to be announced.

Main Committees

Second Committee

40th meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The representative of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement.

Environment and sustainable development: International Strategy for DisasterReduction . . . . . [87 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.16 and A/C.2/57/L.54

The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Jan Kára (Czech Republic), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.54, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.16.

The representative of Venezuela made a statement, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and orally corrected the text.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.54, as orally corrected.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.54, draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.16 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Operational activities for development . . . . . [88]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.26 and A/C.2/57/L.53

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bruno van der Pluijm (Belgium), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.53, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.26, and made a correction to the text.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.53 as orally corrected.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.53, draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.26 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Additional sponsors

The Committee was informed of additional sponsors to draft resolutions as follows: draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.41 (item 87): Mongolia; draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.45 (item 87(a)): Indonesia; draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.47 (item 87 (c)): Indonesia and Mongolia; draft resolution A/C.2//57/L.49 (item 86): Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Malta, the Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The representatives of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the United States made statements.

The Secretary of the Committee responded to queries raised.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

1st meeting

The Acting President of the General Assembly opened the meeting and made a statement.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made an opening statement.

Statements and announcements regarding pledges were made by the following representatives: Norway, Denmark, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Malaysia, China, Republic of Korea, Oman, Turkey, Cyprus, Tunisia, United States, Japan, Sweden, United Kingdom, Austria, Kuwait, India, Lebanon and Germany.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made a closing statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Accession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (3 December 2002)[1]

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Consent to be bound: Slovenia (3 December 2002)[1]

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Consent to be bound: Slovenia (3 December 2002)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: China (3 December 2002)[1]

Amendment to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (with Protocols I, II and III). Geneva, 21 December 2001

Acceptance: Australia (3 December 2002)[1]

Acceptance: Sweden (3 December 2002)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, (institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee). London, 7 November 1991

Acceptance: Tonga (4 December 2002)[1]

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Romania (4 December 2002)[1]

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Romania (4 December 2002)[1]

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Romania (4 December 2002)[1]

International Cocoa Agreement, 2001. Geneva, 2 March 2001

Signature: Slovakia (4 December 2002)

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Accession: Brunei Darussalam (4 December 2002)[1]

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa. Paris, 14 October 1994

Accession: Brunei Darussalam (4 December 2002)[1]

Treaty Event

Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the opening for signature of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (United Nations Headquarters) (9 December 2002)

Deposit of instruments of ratification or accession relating to treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above treaty event will take place on Monday, 9 December 2002, at 9 a.m. in the West Foyer adjacent to the General Assembly Hall at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The event, which will be covered by the media, will be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Legal Counsel, in response to his letter of 28 August 2002, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to deposit instruments of ratification or accession relating to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 and the Agreement of 28 July 1994 relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to arrange appointments (room S-3200, tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax: 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail: untreaty.un.org).

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Delegations are also requested to submit in advance copies of such instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and statements to the Treaty Section at the latest by 4 December 2002 for verification.

The status of the Convention and the Agreement can be obtained from the United Nations Treaty Collection on the Internet (untreaty.un.org). Summaries of the Convention and Agreement can also be found on this Web site along with the full texts of the English and French versions thereof under the heading Focus 2002 - Sustainable Development (direct link - untreaty.un.org/English/TreatyEvent2002). The summaries also contain pertinent information relating to treaty actions. Further information concerning the requirements for the deposit of instruments of ratification and accession and the like (including model instruments) can be found in the Treaty Handbook, which is also available on the above Web site.

Other announcements

Women's International Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Tuesday, 10 December 2002, from from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 1. Presentations will be made by Mr. David Malone, President of the International Peace Academy; H.E. Sir Jeremy Greenstock, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom; and H.E. Mr. Kishore Hahbubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore on "The Issue of Terrorism and the United Nations Response".

Web sites

President of the General Assembly:
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A/57/PV.12	Meeting held on 17 September 2002, 10 a.m. [Arabic]
A/57/PV.14	Meeting held on 18 September 2002, 10 a.m. [Arabic]
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A/57/557	*Item 43* – Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children – Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]
A/57/618	*Item 109 (b)* – Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms – Letter dated 15 November 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/57/634	*Item 3 (b)* – Credentials of representatives to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly – Report of the Credentials Committee [A C E F R S]

A/57/L.23/Rev.1	*Item 22 (d)* – Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe – 48-Power revised draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/57/L.34/Add.1	*Item 35* – Question of Palestine – Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People – 31-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/57/L.35/Add.1	*Item 35* – Question of Palestine – Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat – 30-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/57/L.36/Add.1	*Item 35* – Question of Palestine – Special information programme on the question of Palestine of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat – 30-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/57/L.50	*Item 25 (c)* – Oceans and the law of the sea: Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks – 31-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]
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A/RES/57/33	*Item 25* – Plenary meetings of the General Assembly on 9 and 10 December 2002 devoted to the consideration of the item entitled "Oceans and the law of the sea" and to the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [A C E F R S]
	Second Committee
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A/C.2/57/L.54	*Item 87 (b)* – Environment and sustainable development: International Strategy for Disaster Reduction – Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.16 – International cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon [A C E F R S]
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Security Council	**Documents**
S/2002/1300	Report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on the protection of civilians in armed conflict [A C E F R S]
S/2002/1304	Letter dated 28 November 2002 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

S/2002/1317 Letter dated 29 November 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Chad to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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S/2002/1319 Identical letters dated 3 December 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

S/Agenda/4652 Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council **Commission on Social Development**
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